

Wycombe almost too clever

BOB Cross, the Stokenchurch centre forward who this week signed amateur forms for Reading, made his senior team debut for Wycombe Wanderers today in their home friendly match against Redhill.

Wycombe: Brown; Beck, Atkins; Thomas, Fisher, D Worley; Rockell, L Worley, Cross, Holmes, Tomlin.

Redhill: Perilli; Fowler, Packham; Weaver, Meaghan, Coughlan; Warman, Sibley, West, Powell, Davies.

Referee: Sgt B Parsons (Lyneham)

Cross came in at the last minute for Bates, who was ill with influenza, and Holmes moved to inside left.

First Holmes and then Tomlin tested the Redhill goalkeeper Perilli, as the home forwards set the pace. The Athenian League side, however, moved well in some brisk counter attacks.

The home backs covered smartly and Wycombe generally kept the advantage.

A former Wycombe player, Johnny Weaver, was prominent in a strong Redhill half-back line which checked much of the Wanderers' pattern - weaving. The home side's failure to show something for all their work began to exasperate the crowd.

Redhill almost sprang a surprise in one of their infrequent attacks when centre forward West skimmed the crossbar with a smart shot.

Five minutes before half time the Redhill right back, Fowler, was carried off the field with a leg injury.

Half-time: Wycombe 0, Redhill 0.

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One of the Redhill selectors, Des Quinn, turned out in the second half in place of the injured Fowler, who had broken a leg and within three minutes a Wycombe defensive blunder enabled SIBLEY to break through to score.

Wycombe's standard of play deteriorated badly after this surprise goal, although they had rather more of the play.

A fine centre by Rockell was brilliantly cleared by Perilli, who a little later was injured in the face when he fell at Rockell's feet.

He recovered and made two more excellent saves to foil Wycombe's desperate but unsuccessful attempts to snatch an equaliser.

RESULT:

WYCOMBE WANDERERS	0
REDHILL	1